

UPDATE: PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION COURSE

**KEEC Council Meeting
Agenda Item E-3
May 31, 2018**

Course Schedule

- Workshop 1: October 25-27, 2018, Lake Cumberland State Resort Park
- Workshop 2: December 6-8, 2018, Natural Bridge State Resort Park
- Workshop 3: February 21-23, 2019, Louisville
- Workshop 4: March 21-23, 2019, Barren River Lake State Resort Park and Mammoth Cave National Park

2018-19 Participants

Accepted

- Rae McEntyre, Kentucky Department of Education (secondary science consultant)
- Tammy Reed, Bullitt County Public Schools (elementary teacher, Bernheim interpreter)
- Erin James, Liberty High School (long-term English substitute, seasonal at Jefferson Memorial Forest)
- Kelly Watson, Eastern Kentucky University (professor of geosciences)
- Judy Brookhiser, Murray State University (professor, center for EE)
- Shannon Hrinda, Louisville Zoo (environmental preschool program)
- Elizabeth Chunglo, Boyle County Conservation District (education coordinator)
- Rebecca Zocklein, Oldham County Fiscal Court (solid waste coordinator)
- Amanda Wheeler, Lincoln County Public Library (children's and teen librarian, conservation volunteer)
- Jaime Moore, McConnell Springs (recreation leader, forest school teacher)
- Isabel Cochrane, McConnell Springs (recreation leader)
- Carly Kirkman, Girl Scouts of KY Wilderness Road (outdoor programs)
- Jeri Howell, Josephine Sculpture Park (youth & family education)
- Robyn Whitted, Division of Compliance Assistance (KY EXCEL program)

Waiting List

- Delaney Rockrohr, Lost River Cave (naturalist)
- Victoria Wallace, Kentucky Children's Garden (educator)
- Sarah McCartt-Jackson, Food Literacy Project (program director)

Probable AmeriCorps Host Sites

- Berea College Forest Outreach Center
- Bernheim Forest
- Bluegrass GreenSource
- ECU Division of Natural Areas
- Franklin County Fiscal Court
- Greater Clark Foundation
- J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp
- KAEE
- KCTCS
- Lexington Fayette Parks
- Life Adventure Center
- Louisville Nature Center
- Newport Aquarium
- Northern Kentucky University, Center for Environmental Education/ City of Covington
- The Arboretum, the State Botanical Garden of Kentucky

Changes to Course Structure Discussed at Certification Advisory Committee Meeting

- The Louisville workshop will most likely be moved from the Louisville Zoo to the Flager Center to allow a low-cost overnight lodging option for participants.
- The maximum number of course participants will be increased from 25 to at least 30, and possibly 32 participants for 2018-19.
- After dinner each night of the workshops, activities and lectures will be replaced by small groups working on coursework or assessments of their own choosing.
- Participants will peer teach environmental literacy concepts in small groups in Workshop 1.
- The Environmental Literacy Exam will be given as a take-home exam after Workshop 1.
- An alternate version of the Unit of Study assessment will be created to incorporate program evaluation to better serve the needs of some nonformal educators.

Wesley Bullock's Georgia EE Certification

- Wesley has completed 2 of 3 workshops in the Advanced Training for Environmental Educators in Georgia.
- He has exchanged ideas with the Georgia course administrators, including several that will improve Kentucky's PEEC course.